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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Max Maier

**Application No.:** 10/019,106

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**Filed:** April 19, 2001

**For:** AIR EXTRACTION DEVICE FOR A  
WORK STATION

**Art Unit:** 3743

**Examiner:** Alfred Basichas

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Date: December 12, 2003

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This responds to the Office Action dated July 24, 2003. A Petition For Extension of Time which is filed simultaneously herewith renders this Reply timely. Kindly amend the application as indicated below.

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